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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

In re the Application of

Peter John MAGGS, Steven BAGNALL and  
Neil Milner EVANS

08/545540

Application No.: NEW U.S. SECURITY APPLICATION

Filed: November 16, 1995

Docket No.: JAO 36768

For: SPLIT SHANK ROTOR BLADE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

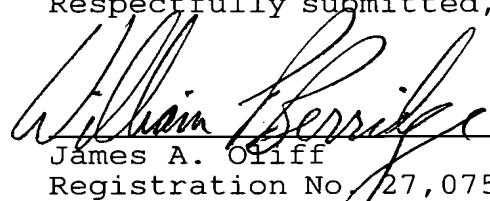
Please amend claim 9 as follows:

Claim 9, line 1, change "claims 3 to 8" to --claim 3--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending. This Preliminary Amendment eliminates multiple dependent claims. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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